

# UNIVERSITY PARK NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE MAYOR

### 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Azalea Run

On Saturday, April 9, a cool, misty morning, the Town celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Azalea Run in spectacular fashion, as approximately 300 runners participated in a series of races, culminating in the 5K event and in very enjoyable post-race festivities. *A very huge thank you* to Sarah Elder who organized the event, seeing it through from start to finish; Joel Floyd who created the Azalea Classic and the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logos; the PVA/USATF, which provided and ran the timing equipment; Christy Neff, University Park Elementary School's physical education teacher, who managed the start of each race in an efficient and fun manner; the University Park Police Department and the UP Community Emergency Response Team members, who provided security and

ensured the safety of all; and ALL the volunteers who came out and assisted with the organization of the race and the great "moving, grooving" party afterwards. Special mention should also be made of State Senator Paul Pinsky and State Delegate Justin Ross who carved out time to help start the 5K Race (They were last seen running to get to Annapolis to close out the legislative session at a pace that would have broken the 5K record if they could have stayed on the course!)

### Dedication of the Clock

Prior to the Azalea Classic, we formally dedicated the town clock in front of UPES, kicking off the 75th Anniversary celebration of the Town's birthday.

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## Town Meetings & Special Dates

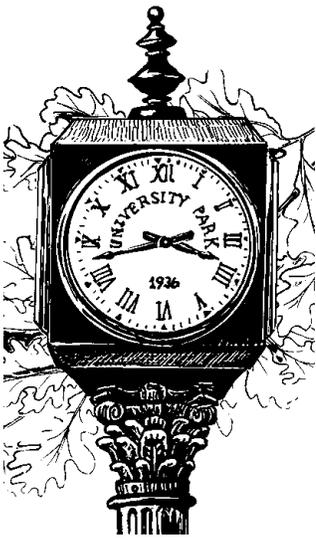
Town Council	May 2 & 16
Election	May 3
Recycling & Shredding Event	May 21

Town meetings are at 7:30 PM at Univ. Park Elem. School. Residents are encouraged to attend. Please request interpreting services 10 days in advance. Council agendas are posted at [www.upmd.org](http://www.upmd.org) and on the Town Hall bulletin board Fridays prior to meetings.

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The clock reminds us not only of the Town's age and of the passage of generations, but also of the hours of work by committed volunteers who make University Park such a wonderful place to live. A *tip of the hat* to three individuals who made the clock possible: former Mayor John Brunner, former Ward 4 Councilman Lynn Dudinsky and Vincent Curl, the Director of the

Prince George's School Board Facilities Management Division. All three attended the dedication and deserve many thanks for their hard work and persistence in resolving a difficult project. A very special *thank you* is due Sarah Moseley who organized the dedication and serves ably as the Co-Chair of the Anniversary Committee.

Before I leave the events of April 9, I would like to extend a special *thank you* to the Northwestern High School band. They came early and provided such a wonderful background to both the Azalea Classic and the dedication of the clock. Under the direction of Anthony Townes, they were a musical delight, enriching the two programs. *Go Tigers!*

### Proposed Budget

For those of you who have been following Council activities, the Mayor's proposed budget was submitted to Council on

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March 31 and introduced publicly on April 4.

When grant funds of almost \$700,000 are taken into account, the operating budget is nearly \$3.24 million. Core service costs continue to stay at the \$2.5 million level.

As a consequence, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> straight year we will not have to increase property taxes. Based on our five-year plan (updated annually), we expect to maintain level property taxes through FY2014. We anticipate keeping to this policy even if we have to float a bond of up to \$2 million to accomplish Town-wide street and infrastructure repairs. Those of you who are interested can find the nuts and bolts of the full budget package online.

### Annual Elections

As a small reminder, the Town will hold annual elections for Council Members representing Wards 2, 4,



5 and 6. Mickey Lucas (Ward 2) and Anne O'Connor (Ward 6) are not running for another term. If you meet either, please extend a hearty thank you to them for their service. They have made the Town a better place to live. I invite any and all to come to the Town Council meeting on May 16, when we swear in the new Council members and give a great hand to CMs Lucas and O'Connor.

### May Fair

Please join us for the annual Mayfair at University Park Elementary School on Saturday, May 21. It should be great fun as usual.

*As always, keep safe and enjoy the unfolding spring!*

*John Rogard Tabori*

## FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

High school seniors are graduating soon and the last few weeks are packed with activities. Proms, graduation parties, senior beach week, final exams, summer jobs and vacations all create excitement and some anxiety. These milestones are important, but more important is finishing the school year healthy and safe.

Far too many die at a young age because of irresponsible behavior. As parents it is our duty to talk to children-our own and others-about drinking, drugs, driving under the influence and having fun in a responsible and courteous manner. Ask them to do the right thing when no one is looking.

Don't be afraid to tell your children no when it comes to dangerous activities. It's okay to say no to underage drinking, even if you did it when you were young. One little mistake can impact the rest of their life, if they live through it. As young adults there is a responsibility to respect oneself, respect others, respect others' property and appreciate the opportunity provided by hard working parents and guardians.

Many students will be 18 years old when they graduate from high school. They may vote, do military service and live away from parents at college. They are also treated as an adult for any criminal behavior they engage in. It is a huge responsibility and the choices they make are important. Congratulations to all who have graduated.



University Park is not a community that condones junk cars and the removal of these vehicles is essential to maintaining an appealing community. The UPPD is asking you to rid your driveways of untagged, unregistered and inoperable vehicles. They are an eyesore and also not permitted by town code.

**A survey of these vehicles will be taken and notifications sent to violators. Please be proactive and find a place to donate your vehicle.**

**Theft from Auto** Between 6 PM March 12 and 10 AM March 13 in the 6500 block of 40th Ave. suspect/s entered an unlocked 2006 Toyota Matrix and stole a gym bag, an emergency travel kit and a steering wheel club. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.



**Theft from Auto** Between 7 PM March 12 and 11 AM March 13 in the 4100 block of Tennyson Rd. suspect/s entered an unlocked 2006 Acura MDX and stole a portable DVD player and a DVD. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

**Theft from Auto** Between 11 PM March 11 and 1 PM March 12 in the 4000 block of Underwood St. suspect/s entered an unlocked 2007 Ford Edge truck and stole a Garmin GPS unit. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with tips regarding crimes committed in town is encouraged to contact the UPPD. All information will be kept confidential. Callers wishing to remain anonymous may

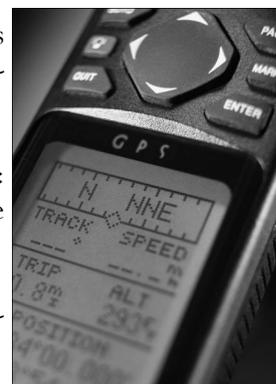
- ◆ Call Crime Solvers at 1-866-411 TIPS (8477)
- ◆ Text PGPD plus your tip to CRIMES (274637) on your cell phone
- ◆ Visit to <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/police/> and submit a tip online.

### Reduce Automobile Theft

There are a few simple changes to your routine that could significantly reduce auto-related thefts.

These are crimes of opportunity: don't give criminals the chance to take your valuables.

- ◆ Park in a well-lighted area.
- ◆ Park in your driveway if possible.
- ◆ Lock all doors and roll the windows up.
- ◆ Remove all items of value.
- ◆ If you have a portable GPS wipe the ring shape off where the GPS is placed.





Thanks to everyone who is currently participating in STEP-UP. Here's an update regarding our program's progress (as of April 1):

- ◆ 112 households are participating in STEP-UP (12% of all UP households)
- ◆ 63 households have completed a whole-house energy audit (7% of all UP households)
- ◆ 15 households have completed or are actively considering proposals for energy efficiency improvements based on their audits (24% of audited houses)

This is amazing progress, considering it's been just over two months since the official launch of STEP-UP! For more information on STEP-UP progress and developments, please visit the project's new web site, [www.mystep-up.org](http://www.mystep-up.org).

Now is a particularly good time to get started with improving the energy efficiency of your home. Spring is traditionally a less busy time for energy auditors—therefore, many auditors will be able to complete your audit and implement improvements fairly quickly.

Did you know there are amazing financial incentives currently available? The Maryland Energy Administration is providing a rebate of 35% of the cost of many of the most important measures (up to \$3,100). (This fund is limited and is not expected to last through the end of the year, so it's important to get funds reserved soon.) That combined with the Pepco incentives of 15% of cost (up to \$1,200), the federal tax credit of 10% (up to \$500) and the STEP-UP incentive of \$400, means that you are likely to get back a substantial amount of any upfront cost.

#### Save the Date

The next STEP-UP Energy Workshop will be held in early June on the topic of windows (including energy efficiency issues and bulk purchasing opportunities). More information about the workshop will be announced in the June Newsletter, on the UP listserv and on our website, [www.mystep-up.org](http://www.mystep-up.org).

### STEP-UP Summer Jobs for Students

The Small Town Energy Program for University Park (STEP-UP) is hiring two college students this summer. Both full-time positions begin June 6 and end August 26.

*The Student Program Associate* will have responsibility in three primary areas: supporting STEP-UP program administration, community outreach and research.



*The Student Communication and Outreach Associate* position will have responsibilities in three complementary areas: STEP-UP web and media support, participant interviews and case study development.

Applicants must be students currently enrolled in college or university. A high school diploma or GED is required. Job descriptions for both positions and application instructions can be found on the Town of University Park web site at [www.upmd.org](http://www.upmd.org).

Hard copies of the job descriptions may be picked up at University Park Town Hall, 6724 Baltimore Ave, University Park, MD 20782. Applications are due by 4 PM on May 9.

### LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

On April 11, 2011, Ordinance 11-O-03 was introduced.

This ordinance would adopt the fiscal year 2012 budget. The meeting set for May 16, 2011 is the first meeting at which the ordinance could be adopted.



# FREE E-CYCLING & PAPER SHREDDING DAY

for University Park Residents

Saturday, May 21 9 AM to 1 PM

UP Elementary School Bus Circle

If you can't sell it at the Town-wide Yard Sale...don't put it back in the basement or garage. **Recycle or shred it!** Bring your Driver's License for proof of residency. Eco Shred will be on site to provide FREE document shredding services. All E-cycle items collected will be reused, refurbished, or recycled through Turtle Wings Inc. in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations. You can also have your hard drive shredded for a \$10 fee.

## Acceptable Items

Unacceptable Items:

Unacceptable Batteries:

What items do you accept?

Answering Machines

Ballasts-non PCB

Batteries (see list below)

Cables

Camcorders

CDs/ DVDs

Cell Phones

Circuit Boards

Compact Disc Players

Computer Equipment

Computers

Copiers

Cords

Duplicators

DVD Players

Electric Typewriters

Electronic Games

Fax Machines

Hard Drives

Keyboards / Mice

Household Electronics

Ink / Toner

Lab Equipment

Laptops

Laptop batteries

LCD Monitors

Mainframe Equipment

Media

Metal Scrap

Microwave Ovens

Modems

Monitors

Networking Equipment

Pagers

PDA's

Printers

Printed Circuit Board

Radios

Rechargeable Batteries

Remote Controls

Scanners

Stereo Components

Stereos

Tapes

Tape Players

Telephones

Telecom Equipment

Televisions

Testing Equipment

Toasters

Transparency Makers

Two-Way Radios

UPS - Power Supplies

VCRs

Word Processors

Other Electronics



## What items are not acceptable?

Air Conditioners

Broken CRT monitors

Console Televisions

Dishwashers

Dryers

Light bulbs

Medical Waste

Nuclear Waste

Paint

PCB Ballasts

Radioactive Waste

Refrigerators

Thermostats

Washers

## What types of batteries are not acceptable?

Lead Calcium Batteries

Lithium Batteries

Magnesium Batteries

Manganese Batteries Mercury Batteries

NiCd Wet Cell Batteries

Nickel Iron Batteries

Nickel Zinc Batteries

Silver Oxide Batteries

Zinc Carbon Batteries

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

### March 7 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members Mallino, Lucas, Toscano, Carey, McPherson, O'Connor, Bradley Chacón; Town employees PWD Director Beall, Treasurer Baden and Town Clerk Headley.

#### Public Comment

CM Mallino said Ms. Moseley, representing the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, was present at tonight's Council meeting to answer any questions from the Council members concerning renaming the area around the Town Christmas Tree as Henson Green. CM Mallino said that her recollection is that the area is currently marked as Town Park on the plat. Motion to approve naming the triangular area around the Town Christmas tree as Henson Green in honor of Jim Henson. Motion approved 7 to 0.

CM Lucas complimented the University Park Police Department for effective crowd management during the March 1 demonstrations near Adelphi Road.

#### Permits

*Application To Construct Shed, 6412 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue* Motion to approve postponing the permit request for the construction of a 24'x 24' x 15' brick veneer storage shed at 6412 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue until the homeowner is able to redraw the building plans consistent with a 24'x 24' structure. Mayor Tabori reviewed the history of this permit request. The permit was originally brought to Town Hall on November 15. The architectural drawings have been revised and modified several times since that date. University Park's Town Code requires that outbuildings be 24 foot x 24 foot or less.

The applicant attended the meeting and answered questions from Council members. CM Mallino noted that the permit application and the attached architectural drawings are inconsistent on the dimensions of the building. CM Lucas raised a concern about the County permit office changing the plans after the Town permit is issued and referred to a previous situation where the homeowner changed the plans after the Town Council's review. Mayor Tabori said the only recourse the Town has is to be vigilant and carry out frequent inspections of the structure over the course of construction.

Council members had a general discussion about County permits. CM Bradley Chacón asked if the Town

Attorney conducts a review of complicated permits. She also asked if the pages of the County code relevant to the permit could be printed and added to the information packet sent to Council members. Ms. Headley said that Attorney Ferguson receives a copy of the meeting packet, including permits, whether or not she personally attends the meeting. Ms. Headley said the applicant had been very willing to work with Town Hall to resolve questions about the permit application. Mayor Tabori noted that Attorney Ferguson reviews legal questions; permits usually raise engineering questions. He said the Town Engineer has been in consultation with the applicant.

CM Mallino said the root issue is that the Council is being asked to approve an application that is in error. She asked that the plans be redrawn to reflect what would actually be built; i.e. a 24 by 24 foot structure. Applicant said she would have the plans redrawn and asked that they be reviewed at the March 21 Council meeting. Motion to postpone permit request passed 7 to 0.

#### Departmental Reports

Mayor Tabori distributed to Council members a report from the Institutional Network (I-Net) organization that was presented at the recent Maryland Municipal League meeting. Mayor Tabori said the Azalea Classic event is coming in April. Posters and flyers will be placed around Town to publicize the event. EnVision Prince George's will make a report at the Prince George's County Association meeting on March 17. Mayor Tabori encouraged those interested to attend.

Mayor Tabori raised a concern about bills being presented by the Prince George's County delegation at the Maryland State House. The outcome of the proposals would be that all planning board power would be concentrated in the hands of the County Executive. The District Council would lose all participation and oversight in the planning process. Mayor Tabori said he was personally troubled that so much power would be concentrated into the hands of one individual.

CM Carey asked that the Code Enforcement Officer, Ms. Martino, be asked to look into the rental status of 6608 Beechwood Road. Ms. Toscano noted that the property 4444 Wells Parkway has gone into foreclosure.

CM Lucas asked UPPWD Director Beall about the increasing number of discarded electronics and

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refrigerators in the alleyway. Mr. Beall explained that the Town Public Works Department cannot take electronics to the landfill without paying disposal fees. The material must be held for a Town electronics collection day or taken by homeowners to the landfill in Upper Marlboro. CM Mallino and CM Carey discussed various means of addressing this problem.

CM McPherson asked if speed bumps were put in place on Tennyson Road, between 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Mayor Tabori said they have not been reinstalled yet, due to the final parts of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) water line and sewer replacement work. Speed humps also need to be placed back on Sheridan Street. CM Carey asked about the sewer main repair on the 4300 block of Van Buren Street. Mayor Tabori said there would be a meeting with WSSC and Washington Gas to sort out the punch list of work to be completed. CM Mallino noted that one of her constituents has received extraordinarily high water bills since the new lines were installed and has been unable to reach a resolution through arbitration. Further, if water is shut off to the home due to non-payment, WSSC is requiring the homeowner to sign a release that holds WSSC harmless if the homeowner's plumbing is damaged when the water service is restored.

Ms. Headley reported that she has been assisting the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee with retrieving archival material related to the Town's history. She has been working with Ms. Sarah Elder on the Azalea Classic signage and registration.

Ms. Headley reported that permit requests have been increasing and a number of the planned permits will require variances. Residents have been raising questions about tree removals to Town Hall. Ms. Headley said that trees located on private property do not require a permit to remove. She noted that the Town does not pick up tree debris over 6 inches in diameter.

### **Continuing Business**

***Update on Belcrest Plaza/Landy Project*** Mayor Tabori said that the District Council has passed a correction on the Landy Property plans; the project is on its way. He is planning to set up a meeting of the MOU Stream Committee and a meeting with the Hyattsville leadership. Mr. Ken Dunn has been given permission to proceed with his engineering study of the Nine Pond area as a storm water management system and riverine park. Mr. Beall

said that the Bank of America has contacted the Town looking for volunteer opportunities for their employees to support stream improvements. Mr. Stickles, chair of the Stream Committee, is following up with the Bank of America contact person.

Mayor Tabori said the town street repair and maintenance plan that will be given to Council would be used for budgeting purposes. Advertisements for soliciting bids will be placed according to the Town Charter and Code. The advertisements are expected to cost approximately \$1000 each time the advertisement is placed.

***Legislative Resolution 11-O-02 Adopting a Rental Property License Fee Second Reading/Adoption*** Motion to approve the adoption of LR 11-O-02: to set the rental property license fee for FY2011-\$325; for FY2012 and continuing-\$400 Motion approved 7 to 0.

### **New Business**

***Appointment of Special Council Budget Committee*** Motion to approve the appointment of a special council budget committee, consisting of CMs Mallino, Lucas and Toscano. Motion approved 7 to 0.

CM Carey asked that the budget committee be expanded to four members. Mayor Tabori said his request of a special committee was to act as a channel of mutual communication between the Mayor and the full Council during the budget preparation time. Expanding the committee beyond three members would invoke the requirements and regulations for holding a working Council session each time the budget committee met. CM Carey accepted Mayor Tabori's reasoning and agreed the budget committee would have three Council members.

Mayor Tabori said that Town Hall staff is working to have a draft budget available by March 14. The written narrative should be complete by March 23, with a final staff meeting and review held on March 28. The budget will be submitted to the Council on March 30 as part of the Council's meeting packet. The initial reading of the budget will be on April 6. The budget will include a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.



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### April 4 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members Mallino, Lucas, Toscano, Carey, McPherson, O'Connor, Bradley Chacón.

#### Public Comment

CM Lucas reported on the pollution event that took place last week in Wells Run. A fluorescent neon green material was released into the stream. The Prince George's County hazmat team responded and took samples. An analysis is expected; the initial report was that the material is a harmless dye. The material came from Building 4 at University Town Center, while they were leak testing the cooling water system. CM Lucas said it is against the law to discharge untreated water into the storm drain system and the building owner may be fined. The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) inspector was also on scene.

Mayor Tabori commented that the Federal government made a decision to maintain the current Parklawn site for the Health and Human Services facility. Prince George's Plaza will not be adding the HHS agencies situated there as tenants.

CM O'Connor asked about the Ward 6 traffic study. Mayor Tabori said the study on College Heights Drive and 40th Street should be carried out now as a requirement for traffic study using tubes to assess speeding and traffic volume is that the temperatures stay above 45 degrees.

#### Permits

*Application to Install Shed, 4405 Underwood Street*  
Motion to approve the installation of an 8'x 12' x 7 ½' (8' approx) smart siding storage shed at 4405 Underwood Street. Motion approved 7 to 0.

#### Departmental Reports

Mayor Tabori has asked Ms. Beth Domingo of Sheridan Street to become the third co-chair of the 75th Anniversary Committee. Mayor Tabori praised Ms. Domingo's skills and experience as an event planner. He added that Mr. Bob Headley has agreed to be the writer/editor of the 75th Anniversary history. Mayor Tabori said the Historic District designation study has been completed and provided to Town Hall.

Ms. Sarah Mosely, co-chair of the 75th Anniversary Committee, invited everyone to participate in the clock dedication at 8 AM on Saturday, April 9, in front of University Park Elementary School. Following the Azalea Classic race, there will be a cake to celebrate University Park's 75th Anniversary. She reported that Mr. Brian Jones, who is writing the official biography of Mr. Jim Henson for the Henson Foundation, has determined that the first Muppet was created in the Henson home on Beechwood Street in 1954. University Park is the birthplace of the Muppets.

Mayor Tabori reported that there is at least one candidate for each of the four vacancies in the upcoming University Park Council election.

Mr. Chuck Wilson reviewed the progress on the STEP-UP! program over the past month. The STEP-UP! web site will be available shortly. CM O'Connor asked where information on internship opportunities would be posted. Mr. Wilson said job descriptions are being drawn up now, and when they are available they would be posted according to instructions from Town Hall.

CM Mallino said the announcement for the STEP-UP! workshop doesn't appear on the Town website. Mr. Wilson said Ms. Parmet was making arrangements to have the information posted there. CM Mallino asked if the STEP-UP! program has considered ways of reaching out to the non-web-using demographic. Mr. Wilson said his team will make a presentation to the Woman's Club. Mr. Wilson also noted that there hasn't been any outreach to the Spanish-speaking community in University Park.

#### Continuing Business

*Motion to approve the following consent agenda items*  
Application to replace an existing fence, 4404 Underwood Street and application to repave an existing driveway, 7110 Wells Parkway. Motion approved 7 to 0.

#### New Business

*Motion to approve/disapprove the introduction of Legislative Resolution 11-O-03: Fiscal 2012 Budget.* Formal introduction of the budget will take place at the next Council meeting, on April 11, 2011.

Mayor Tabori discussed the budget with the Council. He explained that the labor data was computed using actual

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data based on determining step increases for eligible personnel, as well as the anticipated inflation rate. He said the expected inflation rate is 2.1% for urban areas, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The step increase would be 3%, for a total budget impact of 5%. Real property taxes are kept at a constant yield rate.

Mayor Tabori touched on the topic of providing a stipend to the Mayor. Mr. Harold Freeman talked about the tremendous changes that have taken place in the office of the Mayor. He said that due to Federal regulations, the Mayor now spends a significant amount of time representing the Town in meetings. Mr. Freeman recommended budgeting a salary for the Mayor and letting the Mayor choose whether or not to accept it. CM Bradley Chacón asked what other municipalities did. Mayor Tabori said that University Park is the only municipality in the state of Maryland that does not compensate the Mayor, with the exception of Eagle Harbor with 300 residents. Mayor Tabori said that in the past two years the number of meetings he's attended has made it personally difficult for him to meet his family commitments. CM Lucas said he had no idea, before serving on the Council, how much time Mayor Tabori and previous mayors devoted to the business of the Town. The Council members discussed considering this topic in the Policy Committee. CM Lucas praised Mayor Tabori's depth of experience and knowledge in guiding the Town through a very complicated time.

Mayor Tabori moved on to discussing the impact of grants, and particularly the DOE grant, on the Town's budget. The DOE grant is potentially income generating and would add to the Town's bottom line.

Mayor Tabori and CM Mallino discussed the implications of the financial discussions regarding road maintenance. Mayor Tabori said he is working on getting estimates on loan costs from SunTrust Bank. He noted that long-term Treasury rates are increasing. CM Mallino wanted to be clear to residents that tax rates may have to increase in the out years of the budget due to the necessity of road repairs.

CM McPherson discussed her concerns about potential tax increases. She strongly expressed concerns about putting financial burdens on residents while Town employees receive raises. She pointed out that the Town recently made a significant investment in the Town

employee retirement plan. A number of Town residents have seen salary freezes or furloughs. CM McPherson said she has personally experienced furloughs the past two years as a Prince George's County schoolteacher. Mayor Tabori said Town employees have received no COLA and no salary increases over the past two years.

CM McPherson asked about the Town-wide safety study listed in the budget. This is a study to determine how to reduce crime through lighting and landscape management.

Mayor Tabori said he would send out the Excel spreadsheet of the budget to the Council in two days, after he makes several minor corrections.

Mayor Tabori said he is going to provide the budget software for a demo and use by other municipalities. He said he recommends the Town copyright the software. CM Carey said this would be a creative commons type of copyright.

The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.

### ELECTION NOTICE



**AN ELECTION FOR**  
the Town of University Park for  
**the Office of Council Member for**

Wards Two, Four, Five, and Six  
will be conducted on

**TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2011**  
8 AM-8:00 PM

Riverdale Presbyterian Church  
6513 Queens Chapel Road

## Bringing History to Life in University Park



Seventy-five years after our town's incorporation, current and past residents of UP have voiced an enthusiastic desire to celebrate and document our town history. Anniversary celebrations began April 9 and included the dedication of the town clock and an Azalea Classic

victory party complete with a 75th birthday cake. A July 4 party, a walking tour brochure, a September 11 remembrance service and a town history project, all leading up to a gala grand celebration of events October 8-10, are in the planning stages.

The gala weekend in October will include the first ever, anywhere, Inside-Out Parade with floats marking past decades lining both sides of Queen's Chapel Road, and a tribute to Jim Henson with the official dedication and naming of *Henson Green* in the center of town.

As the excitement builds, people of all ages and expertise have begun to lend their skills and creativity to this community-wide effort, and so can you. Below are some ways you can join in.

Do you have digital material such as family photos of people, UP landscapes, homes or town events that you would like to share? Maybe you have digitized newspaper articles or advertisements that help tell our story. If you do, we would welcome your material. You may contribute digital memorabilia at [UPHPA.connect@gmail.com](mailto:UPHPA.connect@gmail.com). Please include a brief description of the items and their significance along with your name, then simply attach your digital files to the email note.

If you have memorabilia to give or loan for the birthday events, an acid-free collection box is at Town Hall. You may bring your photos, documents and souvenirs in Monday-Friday from 9-5. Please provide names of people, places and dates of photos, significance of your memorabilia and details of how to get the materials back to you if you are loaning them.

If you wish to work on the town history book or if you have information that helps to tell our history, contact general editor Robert K. Headley at [RKHeadl@aol.com](mailto:RKHeadl@aol.com)

Sarah Moseley will coordinate several special events and could use your help with contacting participants, visiting local vendors, designing and building floats, producing displays and many other fun, community-building details. You may write her at 6517 Adelphi Road, UP 20782 or [sarahnmoseley@verizon.net](mailto:sarahnmoseley@verizon.net).

An oral history project will collect memories from current and past residents. If you know folks with stories about growing up in University Park or you have your own story about raising a family in UP, please plan to capture these important reflections by planning to record an interview. We will be recruiting history tellers and history takers. Watch the town listserv for details of an upcoming oral history workshop or email Chris Garcia at [urbanipm@gmail.com](mailto:urbanipm@gmail.com).

*The old Deakin Homestead with its century and a half of traditions.*

## Opening of the Homestead Section of University Park

In many respects the most picturesque tract of the entire Deakin estate

Old Maryland, adjacent to Washington, hasn't a parallel estate to this Deakin property—in virgin effectiveness and community adaptation. This has been proven by the wonderful sale of lots and houses in the first section, lying along the Boulevard.

The HOMESTEAD SECTION invites you into the very heart of the property—the center of those gayeties of Colonial days—over which the towering oaks stood sentinel, then as now.

Directly through this Homestead Section will gracefully roll the new contemplated highway, to connect the present boulevard with Brookland—thus providing a still more direct road into Washington.

The natural knolls and valleys will be preserved—avoiding that monotony for which you leave the city and seek the realm of undisturbed nature.

The Suburban Sanitary Commission has perfected plans for the early installation of sewers, water, gas, electricity. Concrete roadways and sidewalks will be laid. All the modern conveniences will be enjoyed in the perfect environment of gorgeous woodland. Out of the whirl and bustle of Washington—and yet a scant thirty minutes from the city's center.

### The purchase of a lot in the Homestead Section of University Park insures—

The best approach to Washington from any suburb.  
The most inspiring and artistic surroundings.  
A community of refinement and responsibility.  
Protection of practical regulations which will not curtail owner's freedom, but eliminate objectionable features.  
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Small cash deposit and convenient terms

Behind you and your investment here stands the University Park Co., Inc. Not real estate speculators, but a body of gentlemen who are deeply impressed with the beauties of this tract and the possibilities of its development into a model suburb of America's Capital City.

Come out and let one of our representatives go over the new section with you—pointing out its many attractive features—its home-building possibilities—and enter your engagement for the lot which appeals to you. There are only 40 to be sold at this \$1,125 price—so don't delay a day. Come at once!

Motor out the Washington and Baltimore Boulevard to just beyond Hyattsville—or take the G St. suburban trolley—or the new bus line on the Bladensburg Road will bring you within a step of University Park.

One of the stately oaks that have stood sentry near the Manor for well nigh two centuries.

B. O. L. Wells  
Representative

University Park Co., Inc.  
Phone Hyattsville 48-R

### UP's Own Oral History Workshop

Saturday, May 7, 9 AM-Noon

All participants in UP's History Project are encouraged to attend this half-day workshop in town. An instructor from the University of Maryland's Department of Anthropology will lead this interactive class. Topics will include ethics, interview structure, technique and analysis. Location to be announced.

Register by sending email containing your name to urbanipm@gmail.com with "Workshop" in the subject line. All History Project participants age 15 and up are welcome. Registration deadline is Thursday, May 5. Space is limited to the first 25 who register. There is no charge for this workshop.

### UPHPA Hosts UP History Working Meeting

Thursday, May 19, 7:30-9 PM

Many town residents have expressed enthusiastic support of UP's 75th Anniversary events and projects. UPHPA will sponsor an organizational meeting for project committee members to hear and discuss details of the individual work plans. After an overview by general editor and Town resident Robert K. Headley, attendees will form subgroups to explore early implementation steps.

Activities and events include the July 4 parade, a 9/11 memorial in August, a walking tour brochure and much more.

Town residents interested in joining a committee and becoming a part of the birthday celebrations will meet in Custis Hall of the Riverdale Presbyterian Church. We look forward to a summer of fun and exploration of our town's roots. Most of all, we welcome participation by all to bring our celebration to life.

### University Park Notable Residents

If you might be interested in helping identify former and current UP notable residents for the UP History publication, please contact Flo Harris at upnews@yahoo.com. You do not have to attend meetings to help with this project. Research will be focused in these areas: art, entertainment, government, professionals, science & technology, sports and other categories~ you name it.

### Spring Garden Tour

Sunday, May 1, 1:30-4:30 PM



The spring garden tour organized by the University Park Woman's Club is here. This popular event highlights the beauty of the community and provides you with an opportunity to gather gardening ideas. The tour is free and open to the public.

On the day of the tour, you may pick up a map that will direct you to the designated gardens. Members of the Woman's Club will distribute maps from the parking lot of the Riverdale Presbyterian Church beginning at 1 PM. For additional information about the tour, contact Birgit Brill, Garden Tour Chair at 301-779-9179.

### University Park Woman's Club Meeting

Monday, May 9, Noon

The May general club meeting of the UP Woman's Club will be held Monday, May 9 instead of the traditional first Monday of the month. Michelle Wedge, Club Education Program Chair has confirmed Kathleen Teaze, Prince George's County Memorial Library System Director as the speaker.

Ms. Teaze will provide an update on the Hyattsville Library and discuss how technology is impacting the library system.

Lunch will be served at 12 noon followed by the program at 12:30. Women interested in joining the Woman's Club or in hearing the speaker are invited to attend. For additional information about UPWC or the meeting, please call President Anna-Mae Kobbe at 301-277-0414.

### Lost Pet Database



To register your pet, report a lost or found pet, please call Linda Verrill at 301-927-6743. Have your pets wear their tags or a microchip at all times so they can be identified.

## TOWN NEWS & EVENTS

### Townwide Yard Sale

Saturday, May 21, 9 AM-2 PM



Calling all yard salers! Have too much (good) junk in your house, closets or garage? Have too many toys, books or videotapes? Well, gather it all in your front yard for hundreds and hundreds of potential buyers.

The University Park Civic Association is sponsoring the annual Townwide Yard Sale with more than 40 homes' yard sales all on one day. There will be print ads in several local publications, such as the Prince George's Gazette, the Pennysaver, an online listing of addresses with yard sales on the UPCA Blogspot, and lots of signs around town and on the perimeter roads for the week before May 21.

There will be printed maps with all homes marked with street addresses available at the Town Hall the day before and morning of the yard sale. To add your name and address to the yard sale map, send an e-mail to Carol Cron at [carol.cron@hotmail.com](mailto:carol.cron@hotmail.com) or call her at 301-277-4718 no later than Saturday, May 14.



Yard sale participants should make sure they have paid their 2011 annual supporting contribution of \$25. About \$500 is spent on ads and signs for the yard sale, and it is most helpful to have received these funds to cover these costs. Checks payable to UPCA (\$25 per household) should be sent to University Park Civic Association, c/o 4308 Woodberry Street, University Park, MD 20782.

### Maryland Cantabile Spring Concert

Saturday, May 7, 3 PM

The Maryland Cantabile spring concert will be at the University Park Church of the Brethren. The concert will feature sacred and secular music by 16th century Spanish composer Tomas de Luis Victoria. The chorus will be joined by the D.C. Viola da Gamba Consort.

### May Fair: The Tradition Continues Volunteers Needed

Saturday, May 14, 11 AM-3 PM

The UPES PTA's 42nd annual May Fair will be held rain or shine. All proceeds benefit UPES-PTA projects for the school. Local clubs, organizations, groups and businesses can join in the fun by registering now to for a booth with the Fair Chair (contact info below).



This traditional family event has been anticipated by young and old for over 40 years. All Town residents and friends are invited to enjoy the food, a bake sale, make-and-take crafts, carnival games & prizes, a moon bounce, horse and pony rides, miniature golf, jousting, a basket raffle and entertainment!

Pre-sale May Fair tickets will also be available at the school the week before. Tickets for this year's school play will first go on sale at May Fair and sell out very quickly.

This huge event could not happen without a lot of help from parents and other volunteers. Students may earn community service hours by volunteering. To register your booth, volunteer or for more info, please contact Co-chairs Steven Benson [steven.benson@navy.mil](mailto:steven.benson@navy.mil), Maby Palmisano [mabyp2002@yahoo.com](mailto:mabyp2002@yahoo.com) or Sheilla Salicrup [sheillasalicrup@yahoo.com](mailto:sheillasalicrup@yahoo.com).

### UP Playgroup 2nd Annual Family Picnic

Sunday, May 22, 12:30 PM —?

Families with children of all ages are encouraged to attend. Come meet your neighbors and let the kids romp around! Just pack up some food and drink for your family and join us at the grassy area near UP's Tot Lot (6500 block of 43rd Ave.)

Don't forget your picnic blanket or chairs. Yard games are encouraged (a few items to entertain the kids will be on-hand). This event is co-sponsored by the UP Civic Association.

Questions? Contact Christine Becraft at 240-667-2352 or Michelle Wedge at 240-770-6097. Please help spread the word to your neighbors, and we hope to see you there!

## TOWN NEWS & EVENTS



### Mary Edith Baker Raabe

Long time Woodberry Street resident Mary Edith Baker Raabe passed away on Saturday, March 26. The daughter of Whiteford Lee and Alma Baker, she was the loving wife of Charles T. Raabe. She and Ted were married on December 19, 1954 in the University of Maryland Chapel. Their romance began on Wednesday, October 11, 1950 around 7 p.m. and their love affair lasted for 60 consecutive New Year's celebrations.

She was the loving mother of Ken, Lyn, Michael and Beth, and doting grandmother to Bryant, Christopher, Victoria, Justin, David, Adam, Regina, Alina and Holden, as well as great-grandmother to Cole.

An Alpha Chi Omega sorority member, Mary was a 1954 University of Maryland graduate with a BS in Textiles and Clothing. She was an accomplished seamstress who enjoyed sewing clothes and knitting sweaters and afghans for family, as well as needlepoint art to hang on the wall. She loved accompanying her sister Ann on antiquing expeditions.

### St Matthew's Day School Reunion

Saturday, July 9, 2011, 1-4 PM

Attention former students of Mrs. Maske, Miss Janet, Miss Susan, Miss Money and many other wonderful teachers from St. Matthews Day School in Hyattsville! Save the date for an Open House with light refreshments.

Please bring any pictures to share. Spread the word on Facebook and by word of mouth. The actual invitation will be mailed in May and addressed to kindergarten graduates, St. Matthew's staff and friends of the school.

For more information, contact Mrs Millie Money at [tedandmillie@comcast.net](mailto:tedandmillie@comcast.net) or phone 410-586-1223.



**Patch.com is looking for University Park's Whiz Kids.** Each week, Patch will feature one child or a group as our week's Whiz Kids. They can be stellar in school, great leaders, artists, dancers or athletes! Anyone can nominate. Send their name, age, why they should be a Whiz Kid and your contact info to [sarah.wayland@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.wayland@gmail.com).



### Great Decisions 2011

Town residents, friends and others are invited to join this discussion series offered by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA). The group meets bi-monthly on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 7:30-9 PM at University Park Church of the Brethren. For more details, please call Maxie Phillips at 301-927-0857 and visit [www.fpa.org](http://www.fpa.org).

**The Caucasus May 12** All the countries and regions of the Caucasus have strong national identities but they have long lived in the shadow of their larger neighbors: Russia, Iran, and Turkey. How does this influence the Caucasus of today? How do the region's energy resources play into its relations with the outside world?

**Global Governance May 26** International cooperation subjects political leaders to an ongoing test: balancing national needs with a commitment to building a durable international order. How has an increasingly interconnected and shrinking world affected the viability of existing agreements and institutions? What economic, social, political, and security concerns are currently on the agendas of intergovernmental bodies, and what is the future U.S. role?

### Help in Tough Times

◆To help you, a friend or family members more easily find state resources, Governor O'Malley has launched [www.problemsolver.maryland.gov](http://www.problemsolver.maryland.gov) which brings together information on state aid for help in these tough times. You'll find information on ways to pay electric and gas bills, replace lost medical insurance, look for a job, get a college scholarship, protect your home from foreclosure and much more.

◆If you have a home improvement project or plans to start your own business, visit the Maryland Database of State Incentives for Renewables & Efficiency for all sorts of incentives and tax credits.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR



### Farmers Markets Open Across the County

Here's a quick summary of the many markets that are now open or will open in May. As you run errands or head home from work, you may want to explore these. Clip and keep it hand in your glove box.

#### **American Market at National Harbor**

Waterfront Street & Fleet Street (Across from Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center)  
Saturday, 10 AM-2 PM May 7-October 29

#### **Bowie Farmers' Market**

15200 Annapolis Road  
Adjacent to Bowie Center for the Performing Arts  
Sunday, 8 AM-Noon. May 15-October 30

#### **Cheverly Community Market**

6401 Forest Rd. at the Community Center  
Every other Saturday, 9 AM-12 PM May 21-October 22  
Thanksgiving market, November 19  
Holiday Market, December 10

#### **College Park Farmers' Market**

5211 Paint Branch Parkway  
Parking lot of Wells Ice Rink/Ellen Linson Swimming Pool  
Saturday, 7 AM-Noon April 30-November 19

#### **Greenbelt Farmers' Market**

Parking lot of Roosevelt Center, Crescent Road at Southway  
Sunday, 10 AM-2 PM May 8-November 20

#### **Hyattsville Farmers' Market at Queens Chapel Town Center**

Corner of Queens Chapel Road and Hamilton St.  
(behind shopping center)  
Tuesday, 2 PM-6 PM June 14-October 25

#### **Laurel Farmers' Market**

300 Block of Main Street  
Thursday, 9 AM-2 PM May 26-October 27

#### **Riverdale Park Farmers' Market**

MARC Rail Station Parking Lot  
4650 Queensbury Rd.  
Thursday, 3 PM-7 PM April 14-November 17

#### **USDA (Beltsville) Farmers' Market**

5601 Sunnyside Ave., Parking Lot B  
Thursday, 10 AM-2 PM May 19-October 27

### Explore Maryland

#### **Inspired By the Bay**

Calvert Marine Museum in Southern Maryland presents the Solomons Maritime Festival, May 14. Free event includes Antique Boat and Marine Engine Show, Chesapeake Bay Retriever demos and



boat rides. Chesapeake Maritime Museum in St. Michaels (Eastern Shore) hosts its Maritime Model Expo, May 21-22, featuring radio-controlled models of steamboats and other vessels. Children can build models to sail and take home. And, Crisfield – a town built on oyster shells – serves up its Soft Shell Spring Fair, May 29, with local seafood, arts & crafts, and live entertainment.

**Living History** Witness a re-enactment of the attack on Havre de Grace during the War of 1812, May 7, on the grounds of the Susquehanna Museum at the top of the bay. Visit a Civil War encampment at the Carroll County Farm Museum, May 7-8, in Westminster. On Memorial Day weekend, May 27-29, the Chestertown Tea Party Festival features parades, tours and a Saturday re-enactment of colonial disobedience in the harbor. On Sunday, exotic racing machines compete in a raft race.

**Spring in Bloom** Springtime bursts forth with splashes of color. Flower Mart, May 6-7, is a longtime Baltimore tradition around the Washington Monument in Mt. Vernon. You'll find arts, crafts, food, live entertainment, and of course, flowers and plants. Sotterley Plantation, in Southern Maryland, hosts its Garden Fair, May 14-15. And, the yearly Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage offers six weekend tours during May of notable properties across the state.

**Art of The Grape** Raise a toast to spring at these annual wine festivals. They feature varied choices in wine, food, arts, crafts, and live entertainment. Chesapeake Bay Wine Fest, May 14-15, has a new location at Bay Bridge Marina on Kent Island. National Harbor Wine & Food Festival, also May 14-15, has a Bier Garten, chef demos and an Art Walk that features the galleries at National Harbor. Wine in the Woods, May 21-22, is a blending of everything wine in Columbia's Symphony Woods.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Linna "The Locavore" Ferguson *Saturday, May 7, 1-3 PM*** Discuss how to integrate local food into your lifestyle, identify local food networks and grow your own with the world-famous method, Square Foot Gardening—a small space, intensive growth approach. Leave with practical tips on how to incorporate more local food into your diet. For more information and to register, please email [cpcbeworkshops@google.com](mailto:cpcbeworkshops@google.com). Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park, MD 20740

**CPAE Book Club *Friday, May 20, 7:30-9 PM*** Discuss



literary non-fiction by women at the College Park Arts Exchange Book Club. *Not Becoming My Mother: and Other Things She Taught Me Along the Way* by Ruth Reichl. The food critic talks candidly about how her mother's mental illness affected her. On June 17 the group will discuss *Honeymoon in Tehran: Two Years of Love and Danger in Iran* by Azadeh Moaveni. An Iranian American writer living in Lebanon, Moaveni unexpectedly fell in love when she returned to her homeland on assignment. An intimate look at the modern Iranian middle class. Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road.

**HY-LI Book Group *Saturday, May 21, 3 PM*** Join the Hyattsville Library's afternoon book group to discuss Martha A. Sandweiss' *Passing Strange: A Gilded Age Tale of Love and Deception Across the Color Line*. Kirkus Reviews commented: "An intriguing look at long-held secrets, Jim Crow, bad faith—and also, as Sandweiss observes, 'love and longing that transcends the historical bounds of time and place.'" Everyone is welcome. Hyattsville Branch Library, 6530 Adelphi Rd., 301-985-4690.

**Limited Editions: Joseph Holston Prints, 1974-2010 *April 21-June 17*** This exhibition features features 72 prints by Maryland based artist Joseph Holston. His screenprints, black and white etchings and collagraphs are colorful and expressive in line and form. Sometimes inspired by Holston's appreciation for symphonic structure, as he was listening to classical music, as well as jazz, Holston's works celebrate all phases of life. Presented by the UMD's David C. Driskell Center, the Gallery will be open three additional Saturdays, May 7, May 21 and June 11, 11 AM 4 PM, 1214 Cole Student Activities Building, 301-314-2615.

### Museum Events



*Riversdale*

All events take place at Riversdale House Museum, 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park. For information, call 301-864-0420 or email [Riversdale@pgparks.com](mailto:Riversdale@pgparks.com).

**Mother's Day Tours *Sunday, May 8*** Rosalie Stier Calvert bore nine children during her life. Five children lived to adulthood, including Charles Benedict Calvert, founder of the University of Maryland. Celebrate with a free guided tour of the historic house and enjoy a Seasonal Selections cooking demonstration in the dependency kitchen (Noon-3:30 PM). Limited to one free tour per paid admission. Admission \$3 adults/\$2 seniors/\$1 students and free for children 4 & under.

**Rome at Riversdale *Saturday & Sunday, May 14 & 15, 10 AM-4 PM*** Kids, ready your swords! Adults, prepare to step back in time! Celebrate ancient Rome as you watch ancient battle reenactments with *Legio XX*, view a catapult demonstration, take part in children's activities, enjoy refreshments at the Roman *capona*, chat with reenactors and more. Admission is \$5/adults and \$3/students.

**Garden Day at Riversdale *Sunday, June 5, 12:30-3 PM*** Rosalie Stier Calvert, the mistress of Riversdale, enjoyed a lifelong love of gardening and wrote frequently about her gardens and orchards. Participate in a family-friendly scavenger hunt in the garden, enjoy kids' crafts at the children's booth and take a peek at a cooking demonstration in the open hearth kitchen. Master Gardeners will be offering a talk and will be on hand to answer your gardening questions at the Plant Clinic. Learn about the historic gardens and orchards with Sarah Urdaneta, head gardener at Riversdale. Round out your afternoon with light refreshments that highlight produce from the herb garden. Reservations are requested by Tuesday, May 31. Admission \$5 per person and free for children 12 & under accompanied by an adult.





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**NEWSLETTER**

Saturday, May 7 is the deadline for the June 2011 issue. The *University Park Newsletter* is published monthly, except for a combined July-August issue. Newsletter submissions may be made via the correct monthly form at www.upmd.org. Questions and comments may be emailed to univparknews@gmail.com. The *Newsletter* publishes the milestones of current and former UP families (births, weddings, obituaries, graduations, awards, etc.) plus events of interest to residents. Political or commercial advertising is not accepted. Please send letters of opinion or Town suggestions to Town Hall. The *Newsletter* is online at www.upmd.org > Documents.

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